

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2443 - SB 2446

March 10, 2020

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires each Title I public high school to provide at least one driver education course for its students beginning in the 2020-21 school year. Subject to appropriation in the general appropriations act, requires the state to fund at least one driver education course at each Title I public high school. Authorizes a local education agency (LEA) to use Title I funds for the purposes of this section.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$3,460,000/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (016661): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires the Office of Research and Education Accountability (OREA), in the office of the Comptroller of the Treasury (COT), in collaboration with the Department of Education (DOE), the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC), the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DLWD), and the Department of Human Services (DHS) to study the number of Title I public high schools that offer driver education courses to students. Requires the study to investigate: the average cost to each Title I public high providing a driver education course to students; the affordability of driver education provided by private companies; the benefits of students receiving driver education courses in high school; the effectiveness of driver education in reducing auto accidents involving teen drivers and in reducing teen motor vehicle fatalities; the possibility of using a dual enrollment grant to cover all or a portion of the cost of a driver education class if offered by community colleges; and sources of funding to provide driver education to students at low or no cost. Requires OREA to report the findings and conclusions of the study to the Education Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives by January 15th 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- OREA, DOE, TSAC, DLWD, and DHS will be able to comply with the proposed legislation within existing resources.

- OREA, DOE, TSAC, DLWD, and DHS will be able to amend their policies in accordance with the provisions of this legislation during the normal course of business; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- No significant impact to state or local operations.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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